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FOUR ST. JOSEPH RESIDENTS PLEAD GUILTY TO CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that four St. Joseph, Mo., residents pleaded guilty in federal court to participating in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

Ramone, D. Stillman, 24, of St. Joseph, and brothers **Loren W. May, Jr.**, 24, **Derrick L. May**, 19, and **Jorael E. May**, 22, all of St. Joseph, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple on May 25, 2005, to charges contained in a Jan. 4, 2005, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, the co-defendants admitted that they conspired to manufacture and distribute between 500 and 1,500 grams of crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 1997, and Dec. 14, 2004.

Stillman admitted that he manufactured at least 193 grams of crack cocaine at the residence of co-defendant **Patricia R. Williams**, 38, also of St. Joseph. **Stillman** also admitted that he made arrangements to distribute the crack cocaine to another co-defendant, **Maurice Thornton**, 48, also of St. Joseph.

Loren W. May, Jr., **Derrick May** and **Jorael May** admitted that during their involvement in the conspiracy law enforcement officers conducted a search of a residence they occupied and recovered approximately 100 grams of crack cocaine and a .38-caliber revolver. The search was conducted on March 12, 2004.

Four other St. Joseph residents also have pleaded guilty to their roles in the conspiracy.

On March 30, 2005, **Thornton** pleaded guilty to using a telephone and cellular telephone to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine between July 3 and Aug. 27, 2003.

On April 27, 2005, **Williams** pleaded guilty to maintaining a residence for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 1997, and July 2, 2003.

On May 17, 2005, **Karlo L. Ginn**, 23, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 1997, and Dec. 14, 2004.

On May 19, 2005, **Patricia W. Stillman**, 49, pleaded guilty to using a telephone and cellular telephone to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine between July 3 and Aug. 27, 2003.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal jury on Aug. 12, 2004, in Kansas City. The federal indictment was later replaced by a superseding indictment.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Buchanan County Drug Strike Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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